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Remunerative Prices to Farmers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken a decision recently to increase the MSP for various agricultural crops to provide adequate remunerative prices to the farmers as well as to increase the agricultural production, if so, the details thereof along with the total number of crops covered by MSP;

(b) whether the Union Government and the State Governments propose to add 10% profit every year in the MSP given to the farmers, if so the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to implement recommendation of Swaminathan Commission in toto, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 2014-15, 2015-16 and Kharif crops of 2016-17 are given at Annexure.

(b): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, the CACP considers, interalia, a number of important factors including cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living, etc.

(c): The National Commission on Farmers (NCF) under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan was set up in 2004. The Commission submitted its report to the Government in 2006. After due examination, Government accepted many of the recommendations of the NCF and based on these Government approved the 'National Policy For Farmers, 2007' (NPF 2007). The NPF-2007 aims to improve economic viability of farming and increases net income of farmers. The Ministry has adopted various schemes/programmes based on the NPF, 2007.